

The Governor's 2011 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2011 Summer Reading Challenge with the theme One World, Many Stories. This calendar offers ideas and activities to spark interest and understanding of our world and the many people who live here.

The summer is just beginning and it is a perfect time to visit your local library with your children. Libraries offer puppet shows, arts and crafts, story time, and many other fun activities you can enjoy during summer break. We hope you plan to check out a variety of interesting books so you can read with your children and encourage them to read every day. As you read with your children and they read independently, they will build brainpower, increase their vocabulary, enhance their knowledge base and be more prepared to return to school this fall.

Research tells us, "The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children. This is especially true in the early years."

We encourage you to get your entire family involved. We know when parents, grandparents, childcare providers, siblings, and others read together each day for 20 minutes, critical foundations for success are put in place. We invite you to join our family as we explore One World, Many Stories this summer.

Sincerely,

Gary R. Herbert
Governor

Jeanette Herbert
First Lady



READ WITH A CHILD



One World, Many Stories